

# EPAct Program Update for Chet France

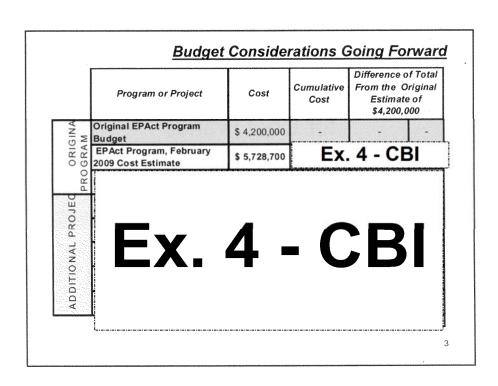
Status and Budget

February 19, 2008

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# Status of Testing and Fuel Blending

- Phase 1 testing complete
  - 75°F testing of 19 vehicles on 3 fuels (E0, E10, E15)
- · Interim FTP-cycle testing complete
  - 75°F testing of 6 vehicles on 3 fuels (E0, E10, E15)
- · Phase 2 testing complete
  - 50°F testing of 19 vehicles on 3 fuels (E0, E10, E15)
- Phase 3 testing expected to begin next week
  - 75°F testing of 10? (originally19) vehicles on 27 fuels (E0, E10, E15, E20)
- Test fuel development being done by Haltermann and ASD
  - EPA defines fuel recipes
  - Haltermann prepares hand blends, bulk blends and performs fuel analyses
- · 22 of the 28 fuels needed in Phase 3 have been blended in bulk
  - 13 have been delivered to SWRI



# Budget Considerations Going Forward (Cont'd)

- · Original program cost estimate: \$4,200,000
- Cost overrun wrt the original scope of program: Ex. 4 CBI
- Cost overrun including additional projects: Ex. 4 CBI
- Funds spent or incurred as of Feb. 19, 2009 Ex. 4 CBI
- Funds "remaining" in LD EPAct budget as of Feb. 19, 2009 Ex. 4 CBI
- Estimated cost of Phase 3: Ex. 4 CBI
- Estimated cost of testing 2 CRC fuels in Phase 3 Ex. 4 CBI
- New funds needed to get us through the end of fiscal year. Ex. 4 CBI

## Causes of Cost Overrun

- Unrealistically low original cost estimates by SWRI
  - Underestimation of base program cost: Ex. 4 CBI
    - On January 7, 2009, SWRI was estimating base program cost overrunby 10% vs. 36.4 % on Feb. 5, 2009
    - Unexpectedly high cost of "coming up to speed": Ex. 4 CBI
    - Additional checkout tests to resolve HC analyzer saturation and secondary dilution ratio issues in Phase 2: Ex. 4 - CBI
    - Higher than originally estimated test replication rate (+6%): Ex. 4 CBI
- Fuel cost increase (modified fuel development protocol):
   Ex. 4 CBI
- · Blending of two CRC fuels: \$55,000
- · Additional tasks:
  - EFM resolution: Ex. 4 CBI
  - Fuel matrix redesign; Eх. 4 сві
  - FTP testing: Ex. 4 CBI
- Program execution problems:
- Inadequate temperature control in Phase 2 of the program
   Fuels blended for Phases 1 and 2 contained undesireable

## **Options to Reduce Cost**

- · Delay testing of CRC fuels: \$195,000
- · Reduce the number of test fuels
  - Reduction of the number of fuels by 1-2 would drop the G-efficiency of emission models below the minimum acceptable limit of 50%
  - The emphasis of this program is on fuels, not vehicles
- · Reduce the number test vehicles
  - Reduction of the number of vehicles from 19 to 15 doubles the probability of getting a non-significant result in emission models. The power of the statistical test of 0.80 is the lowest acceptable in std practice (0.95 was used in AutoOil)
    - · We are working with DOE on vehicle selection
  - Reducing the number of test replicates from 2 to 1 has an even stronger impact
- Eliminate continuous THC, NOx.... measurements in raw exhaust
  - Would make critical types of information unavailable
  - Minimal savings
- Reduce the scope of exhaust HC speciation
  - The cost of HC and alcohol/carbonyl speciation:
- Ex. 4 CBI
- Data necessary for AQ modeling and toxic emission factors
  - Phase I and II data not adequate due to fuel blending problems

THIS IS DANGEROUS, CAUSES FUEL EFFECTS TO BE CONFOUNDED

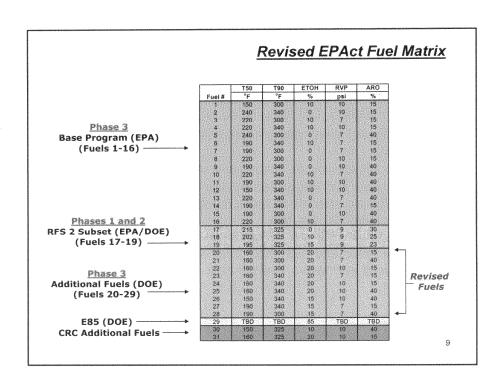
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# Options to Reduce Cost (Cont'd)

- Work with SWRI to reduce program cost
  Discussions between Chet and Bruce Bykowski (Vice President; Engine, Emissions and Vehicle Research)
- · Request additional DOE support

# Back-up Slides



#### Light Duty Exhaust Program Summary

- EPA/DOE collaboration
- Objective: Establish effects of RVP,T50,T90, aromatic content and EtOH on exhaust emissions from Tier 2 vehicles
- Fuel matrix includes 29 fuels + 2 added by CRC = total of 31
- Test Program Design
  - Phase 1: RFS 2 Pilot at 75°F
    - 3 fuels (E0, E10 and E15) tested in 19 vehicles
    - Test results to be available for RFS 2 NPRM
  - Phase 2: RFS 2 Pilot at 50°F
    - Same as Phase 1, except temperature
  - Phase 3: Main Program
    - 27 fuels tested in 19 Tier 2 vehicles, E85 tested in 4 FFVs
- LA92 test cycle used throughout the program
- Species measured: Regulated emissions, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, VOCs, ethanol, carbonyl compounds
  - N2O, NH3 and HCN by FTIR
  - Some PM and SVOC speciation

# Measured Species

- Bag (phase) level and composite emissions of THC, NMHC, NMOG, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NOx, NO<sub>2</sub>, ethanol and PM
- Bag (phase) level speciated volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
  - · Over 200 compounds, incl. alcohols and carbonyls
- Continuous and integrated by bag (phase) emissions of the following species in raw exhaust:
  - THC, NMHC, CO, CO2, NOx
  - N<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub> and HCN by FTIR for a subset of tests
- Semi-volatile and high molecular weight VOC and PM measured in Phases 1 and 2 only

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### Projected Schedule Going Forward

- Launch of Phase 3 testing: Mid-February 2009
- · Completion of Phase 3 testing: Early December 2009
- Reporting: December 2009 mid-March 2010

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